

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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## 2006 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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ELIZABETH D. MAYO  
SHAWANUNG

## MINUTES KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY – AUGUST 15, 2006 – 9:00 A.M.

APPROVED  
10-19-06

- A. Date: August 15, 2006
- B. Call to Order: President LaFernier called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer  
Opening Prayer in Ojibwa by Shawanung.
- D. Roll Call: Present: Susan J. LaFernier, President  
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Vice-President  
Larry J. Denomie III, Secretary  
Toni J. Minton, Treasurer  
Fred Dakota  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. (arrived at 2:08 p.m.)  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. (left at 2:43 p.m.)  
Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews  
Elizabeth D. Mayo  
Shawanung
- Absent: Doreen G. Blaker  
William E. Emery
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President LaFernier declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: August 15, 2006
- Deletion- New Business: 4. c) Susan LaFernier - Willis Forestry Contract will be for Thursday's meeting on August 17, 2006.
- Addition- FYI: 3. A copy of the approved Minutes for July 8, 2006.

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY FRED DAKOTA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

G. For Your Information:

1. A copy of Voigt Intertribal Task Force meeting minutes from July 6, 2006, which was held in Crandon, Wisconsin. Richard Shalifoe was not present at the meeting and may be resigning.
2. Meeting Minutes for Review: 1. May 2, 2005 2. May 7, 2005 3. May 19, 2005
3. Copies of the approved Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2006 were given.

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes: July 13, 2006

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE JULY 13, 2006 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY FRED DAKOTA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Closed Session:

1. Joan DesRochers
2. John Baker
3. Susan LaFernier

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:18 A.M. SUPPORTED BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. FIVE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews), THREE OPPOSED (Fred Dakota, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

Break: 10:28 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 11:23 A.M. SUPPORTED BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Old Business:

1. Don Carlson (in place of Ginny Ann Jermac)/Ojibwa Senior Request for travel to NICOA in Tulsa, OK on September 14 – 19, 2006. The Council made note that the 635 Budget Travel Line was spent but that they may be able to modify their budget to pay for half and the Seniors can pay the other half. It was also mentioned that they may only be able to send four people versus sixteen. Don will go back to the Seniors and discuss the options.

2. Susan LaFERNIER – BHS Cheerleaders Donation Request for uniforms.

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE \$387.00 FOR THE BARAGA HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING UNIFORMS. SUPPORTED BY FRED DAKOTA. THREE IN FAVOR (Fred Dakota, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), FIVE OPPOSED (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews), ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr.), MOTION DEFEATED.**

3. Elizabeth D. Mayo – Robert's Rules of Order. Discussion on reconsidering of motions and if a motion is voted on and lost, does it have to be a unanimous decision to reconsider it. The rule on Reconsidering a motion will be reviewed and brought back after lunch.

Copies of the new revised Robert's Rules of Order will be ordered for each Council member.

Lunch Break: 11:53 a.m. – 1:05 p.m.

Susan read from the Robert's Rules of Order book on "Session" and other pages to clarify the reconsideration of motions.

K. New Business:

1. John Bussey – a) Raffle License Request KB07-06 for a Rifle for the U.P. Whitetails Association.

**MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE NUMBER KB07-06, A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR A RAFFLE TO BENEFIT THE U.P. WHITETAILED ASSOCIATION OF BARAGA. SUPPORTED BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Fred Dakota), THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

- b) Raffle License Request KB08-06 for a Rifle.

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE KB08-06. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

- c) Raffle License Request KB09-06 for 70 donated items.

**MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO APPROVE APPLICATION KB09-06 FOR U.P. WHITETAILED ASSOCIATION. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

d) Raffle License Request KB11-06 for a 50-50 Raffle.

**MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO APPROVE APPLICATION KB11-06 FOR U.P. WHITETAILED ASSOCIATION. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

e) Raffle License Request KB10-06 for 3 Prizes.

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE KB10-06. SUPPORTED BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Christine LaPointe Resolution KB1485-2006 - BIA Home Improvement Program

**MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO APPROVE KB1485-2006 RESOLUTION. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "CHIZ" MATTHEWS. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Jacqueline Swartz Hiring Policy concerns. (See written statement) Jacqueline feels that the General Manager isn't interested in our Mission Statement and she feels she has been discriminated against because he would not give her an interview. She questions whether or not there are *any* Natives working in his department and other departments. She wants the Council to ask him for his resignation.

Break: 1:58 p.m. – 2:08 p.m.

Mike LaFernier arrived at the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 2:09 P.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "CHIZ" MATTHEWS. FIVE IN FAVOR (Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews), THREE OPPOSED (Fred Dakota, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), ONE ABSTAINING (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery), MOTION CARRIED.**

Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. left the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

**MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 2:51 P.M. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

The Tribal Council will take Jacqueline Swartz's concerns into consideration for the General Manager's next review.

4. Ed Janisse/Cherie Dakota/Pauline Spruce– Department Head Retreat Request on October 10th, focusing on communication skills and working together.

**MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO TABLE THE REQUEST FOR THE RETREAT FOR THE DEPARTMENT HEADS UNTIL MORE ORGANIZATION IS IN PLACE. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Susan LaFernier – a) Ojibwa Senior Citizens Resolution - Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) Delegate

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE MICHAEL DUSCHENE AS THE VOTING DELEGATE ON THE MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION (MIEA) BOARD, FULFILLING THE TERM OF LORETTA HUGO AS SHE HAS RESIGNED. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

- b) Resolution KB 1498-2006 – Timber Stand Improvement Project on the Louisa Miller Allotment.

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE KB1498-2006. SUPPORTED BY FRED DAKOTA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

- c) Social Services –Judith Heath: "Back to School Backpack Program" request.

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO DONATE \$1000.00 TO THE BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM. SUPPORTED BY SHAWANUNG. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Shawanung – Tom Dowd - “Native American Golf Tours” 2007, sponsorship request.

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO TABLE THE REQUEST UNTIL WE ASK THE CASINO IF THEY CAN SPONSOR. SUPPORTED BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Dorecn G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

L. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO ADJOURN AT 3:30 P.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Dorecn G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Minton  
Recording Secretary

**AGENDA**  
**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**TRIBAL CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY – AUGUST 15, 2006 – 9:00 A.M.**

A. Date: August 15, 2006

B. Call to Order:

C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer  
Opening Prayer in Ojibwa

D. Roll Call:                   \_\_\_ Susan J. LaFerner, President  
                                  \_\_\_ Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Vice-President  
                                  \_\_\_ Larry J. Denomie III, Secretary  
                                  \_\_\_ Doreen G. Blaker, Assistant Secretary  
                                  \_\_\_ Toni J. Minton, Treasurer  
                                  \_\_\_ Fred Dakota  
                                  \_\_\_ William E. Emery  
                                  \_\_\_ Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.  
                                  \_\_\_ Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.  
                                  \_\_\_ Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews  
                                  \_\_\_ Elizabeth D. Mayo  
                                  \_\_\_ Shawanung

E. Declaration of Quorum:

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2. Susan LaFerner – BHS Cheerleaders Request
3. Elizabeth D. Mayo – Robert's Rules of Order

K. New Business:

1. John Bussey –
  - a) Raffle License Request KB07-06
  - b) Raffle License Request KB08-06
  - c) Raffle License Request KB09-06
  - d) Raffle License Request KB10-06
  - e) Raffle License Request KB11-06
2. Christine LaPointe – Resolution KB1485-2006 - BIA Home Improvement Program
3. Jacqueline Swartz – Hiring Policy concerns
4. Susan LaFernier –
  - a) Ojibwa Senior Citizens Resolution MIEA Delegate
  - b) Resolution KB 1498-2006
  - c) Willis Forestry Contract
  - d) Social Services – “Back to School Backpack Program” request
5. Shawanung – Tom Dowd - “Native American Golf Tours” 2007, sponsorship
6. Debbie Picciano/Cherie Dakota/Jesse Luttenton/Ed Janisse – Department Head Retreat

L. Adjournment: